GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4161
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2000
MAINTENANCE OF FORTS
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the forts situated in various States in the country are controlled and maintained by the Army/State Government/A.S.I.as well;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and fort-wise;

(c) the authority which controls and maintains the temples constructed inside these forts;

(d) whether some temples constructed inside the forts are reported to have been demolished;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(f) the number of forts encroached upon by the civilians/State Governments/Policeor by some business units, fort-wise; and (g) the action plan chalked out to protect these forts and evict them from the clutches of unauthorised encroachers?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir, 21 Forts are under the charge of the Army; 200 Forts have been declared to be of National importance and are maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and 178 forts are under the control of various States. A Statement showing the State-wise details of forts under the control of the Army is attached. Details in respects of other forts are not available.

(c) Temples located inside forts under Army's charge are maintained by Army or Private bodies/ persons.

(d) & (e): No case of demolition of temples constructed inside these forts has come to the notice of the Government.

(f) The details of encroachment of forts under control of Army are given in the statement attached. However, no specific information in respect of other forts is available.

(g) Whenever encroachments are noticed within the protected area of the fort, measures to prevent the same are taken under the Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains Act,1958 and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupations) Act, 1971.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4161 FO 20.4.2000.

DETAILS OF FORTS ON THE CHARGE OF THE ARMY

Sl.No	State	Name of th Fort	Location	Encroachment	Remarks
1.	Maharashtra	Sitabuldi	Nagpur	Nil	
	Ahmednagar Fort	Ahmednagar	Ahmednagar	Nil	
	Purandhar Fort		Pune	Nil	
2.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad Fort around the Fort since 1986. Matter subjudice.	Ahmedabad	0.526 acres in Moat	

		Bhujia Fort	Bhuj	Nil	
3.	Rajasthan	Sewar Fort	Bharatpur	Nil	
4.	Tamil Nadu	St. George Fort	Chennai	Yes, partially	National monument
5.	Karnataka	Belgaum Fort	Belgaum	Construction of Mosque/ Dargah and partial encroachmen by Karnataka St. Road Corporation	
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Golconda Fort	Hyderabad	Nil	
7	Punjab	Ferozpur Fort	Ferozpur	Nil	
		Govind Garh Fort	Amritsar	Yes, by civilians	
8.	Delhi	Red Fort	Delhi	Nil	Part under ASI
9.	West Bengal	Fort William	Calcutta	Nil	
10.	Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad Fort	Allahabad	Nil	Part under ASI
		Agra Fort	Agra	Nil	
		Fatehgrah Fort	Fatehgarh	Nil	
		Bareilly Fort	Bareilly	Nil	
		Mhow Fort	Mhow	Nil	
11.	J&K	Zorawar Fort	Leh	Nil	
		Hari Prabhat Fort	Srinagar	Nil	
		Khamba Fort (Nowshera)	Jhangar	Nil	